The Prime Minister in his speech in Parliament on May 2, 2003, once again emphasized the importance of people to people contact which could create an environment in which difficult issues between India and Pakistan could be addressed. Resumption of Delhi-Lahore Bus Service is step in this regard as are exchange of Parliamentary delegations between the two countries.

Grabbing of government land

1095. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Block Development Officer, Mehrauli (BDO) after inspection of vacant Gaon Sabha land by Panchayat Secretary in Khasra No. 17/23/1(2-14) under Revenue State of Devle Village, has lodged a written complaint (FIR) on 27/2/03 and asked the SHO Sangam Vihar Police Station, South District to register cases under sections 441/447 against the persons/land grabbers trying to capture/ grab the Gaon Sabha land (Government Land);

(b) if so, the details of action by SHO, Sangam Vihar police station in this regard and details of land grabbers against whom the cases are registered; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. However, the complaint did not specify the name of any person alleged to have made an attempt to encroach on the land in question. The inspection of the site carried out by the local police in association with the Block Development Officer concerned revealed that there were some bricks lying over there, though there was no sign of any construction activity. The bricks were seized and the local police is maintaining a close vigil to ensure that there is no encroachment.

Amicable solution to Ayodhya dispute

1096. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken for amicable settlement of Ayodhya